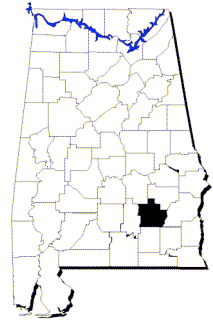


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Council Priorities

- 1. After school programs**
- 2. Substance abuse prevention and treatment**

Issues

Issues are the primary concerns or problems facing children in the county

Early Care Education

Children (0 – 5) are provided opportunities to fully develop emotionally, socially, physically, and cognitively and are ready to succeed.

Parenting skills training

Economic Security

Children grow up in a financially stable home where the child's basic needs can be met.

Stronger work ethic and reduced dependence on public assistance

Education

Children learn the skills necessary to become productive citizens.

Intensive educational needs of young people beyond alternative schools

Enhanced learning resources for children with unique needs

Health

Children's (0 - 19) physical and mental well-being in the county.

Improved pre-natal and post-natal care health issues including substance abuse, unsafe sexual behaviors, sexual abuse of children, unhealthy dietary behaviors combined with physical inactivity

Parent Involvement Skills

Parents and guardians participation and effectiveness in fostering an environment for children to become mature, responsible and independent adults.

Parenting skills training

Safety

Children live free of abuse, neglect, crime, and drugs.

After school prevention programs for at-risk children

Strengthened families through enhanced family counseling for intra-family conflict resolution

Policy Recommendations

- Funding to establish after school prevention programs.
- Family counseling programs.
- Parenting skills and anger management programs.
- Establishment of day treatment programs.
- Additional funding for special programs within school systems to meet unique educational needs.
- Additional funding for counties for day care programs.
- Expansion and enhancement of welfare-to-work programs.